

L.—*On an apparently new Species of Pigmy Parrot of the Genus Nasiterna.* By H. B. TRISTRAM, D.D., F.R.S.

I HAVE lately received through my friend Dr. P. H. Metcalfe, of Norfolk Island, a small collection of birds, made by Dr. Welchman in the little island of Bugotu, just south of Isabel, in the Solomon group. Among them is a *Nasiterna*, which Dr. Sharpe and Mr. Ogilvie Grant agree with me in considering to be undescribed. It is certainly the smallest of this diminutive genus which has yet been brought to our notice. I propose therefore to describe it as

*NASITERNA NANINA*, sp. nov.

♀. Viridis, nuchâ pallidiore, subtus lætè viridi-flavescens; fronte flavescente, genis et mento pallidè roseis; remigibus nigris viridi-marginatis; rectricibus mediis cæruleis, scapis nigris; cæteris nigris, in pogonio interno maculâ apicali flavâ, in externo maculâ viridi ornatis. Long. tot. poll. 2·8, alæ 1·9, caud. 0·7, tars. 0·2.

*Hab.* Bugotu, Ins. Solomonis.

Unfortunately the only specimen in the collection is a female. Its nearest ally appears to be *N. finschi*, Rams., from San Christoval, from which, however, it may be at once distinguished by its diminutive size.

LI.—*Descriptions of Five new Species of Birds discovered in Central America by W. B. Richardson.* By O. SALVIN and F. D. GODMAN.

THE following descriptions are taken from specimens collected for us by Mr. W. B. Richardson in the Mexican State of Chiapas, and thence southwards to Nicaragua. They form a portion of a large series of skins gathered at various places bordering the Pacific Ocean. Though novelties are comparatively few in these collections, the additions made by them to our knowledge of the distribution of the known forms are very considerable, and when fully worked out they will aid much in tracing the boundaries dividing bird-life in that portion of the globe. Mr. Richardson is still at work in Nicaragua, and has visited the eastern side